



# Montana Asthma Advisory Group Meeting

August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011



Save the Date!

2011 MAAG meeting

- Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>
- View “Environmental Control Of Asthma”  
webinar online <http://dphhs.mt.gov/asthma>
- Look for dates of “Big Sky Pulmonary  
Conference” and “Asthma Educator Review  
Course” - spring 2012

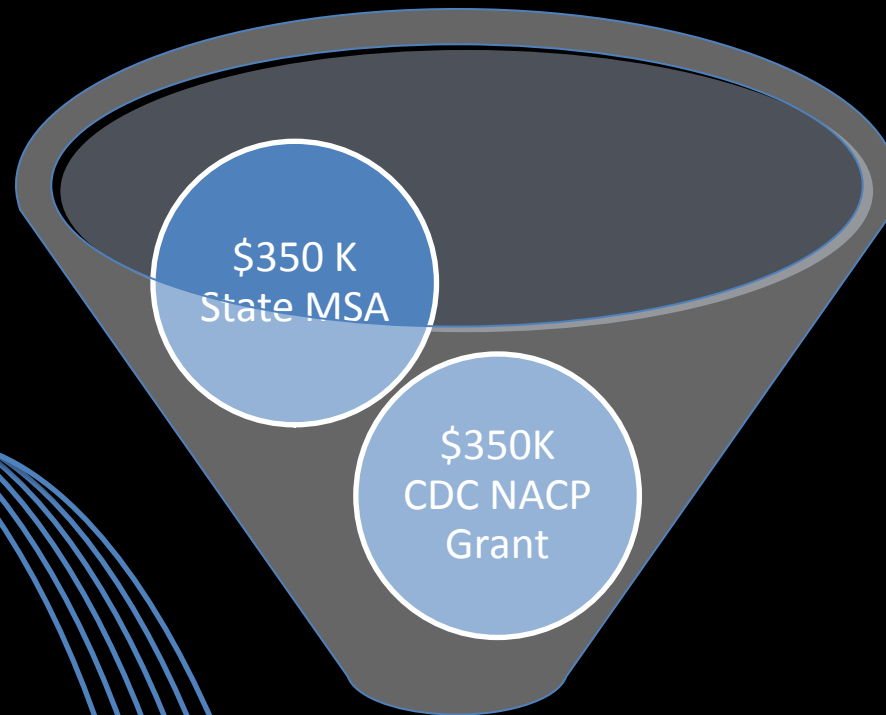


# Announcements

- Welcome to our new Health Educator, Katie Church
- Welcome to additional partners at this meeting:
  - Asthma triggers workgroup members
  - Healthy homes partners
  - Asthma Home Visiting Sites
- Announcements from ALA/Healthcare without Harm



# CDC Funding Update



Montana Asthma Control Program Budget  
(\$700 K Annually)



# Funding Cycles

- State MSA funding reviewed by state legislature every two years (2009, 2011 etc)
- CDC grant-awarded in September, 2009, 5 year funding cycle (intended to run through August, 2014)



# The Good News

- 2011 legislature did not cut funding for chronic disease programs
- State asthma funding secure through 2013



# 2011 Federal budget

- 5% funding cut from National Asthma Control Program for Federal 2011 budget (\$350,000 reduced to \$335,000)



# 2012 CDC budget

- National Center for Environmental Health asked to reduce overall budget by \$100 million
- President's budget creates new, "Healthy Homes and Community Environments" program
  - Integrates National Asthma Control Program with Healthy Homes/Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (HH/LPPP)



# Healthy Homes and Community Environments Program

- 2 year transition
- Budget set at \$32.6 million
- \$33 million (51%) cut from FY 2010
- Would affect our program starting in Sept. 2012



# Healthy Homes and Community Environments Program

- Merge current asthma programs into new “Healthy Homes and Community Environments”
- Reduce state/territorial asthma grants
  - From 36 to 15



# Healthy Homes and Community Environments Program

- Reduce Healthy Homes/Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Services
  - Reduce HH funded recipients from 40 to 34
  - Fewer homes inspected
  - Reduced data collection



# Healthy Homes and Lead Prevention

- Montana has never been funded for lead prevention
- CDC released an RFP for three years of funding for healthy homes and lead prevention and MT applied
- We are pleased to announce OFFICIALLY that we are a recipient of three years of funding for healthy homes and lead prevention!



# Healthy Homes Program

- Starts September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011
- For the first year, will manage using current staff from MACP (expansion of the MAP program)
- Jeanne Cannon will be Program Manager for this program
- See logic model and abstract from application



# Healthy Homes Program

- Program addresses lead, tobacco prevention, asthma triggers, injury prevention, weatherization, radon and any other environmental concerns in the home



# Healthy Homes Program

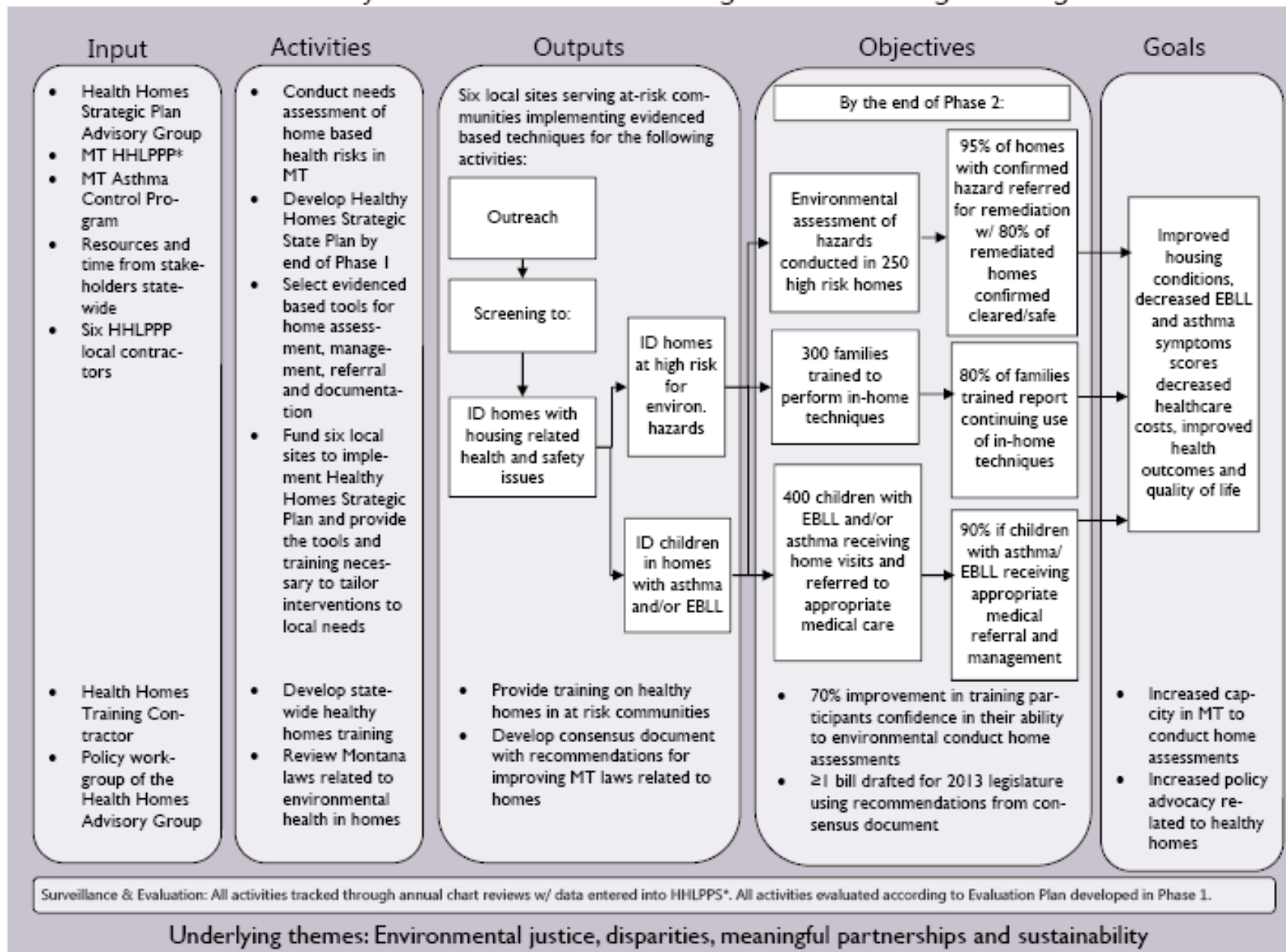
- Phase 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Year
  - Develop healthy homes advisory group
  - Review existing laws and services related to healthy homes
  - Create healthy homes strategic plan for MT
  - Develop healthy homes training and healthy home visit protocol
  - Fund 6 local sites to begin conducting healthy home visits



# Healthy Homes Program

- Phase 2: Year 2 & 3
  - Fund 6 local sites to conduct healthy home visits
  - Fund healthy homes training statewide
  - Conduct policy activities related to healthy homes (eg smokefree public housing)

# Montana Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs Logic Model



\* HHLPP=Healthy Homes and Lead Prevention Program, HHLPPS= Healthy Homes and Lead Prevention Surveillance System



# Protecting the asthma program

- Have state funding to provide sustainability
- Applied for and received Healthy Homes and Lead Prevention Funding
- Continuing successful MACP programs and ensuring robust evaluation to remain competitive if we are forced to reapply for fewer spots



# MACP Advocacy

- Thank you to all who signed the letter from the MAAG and ALA that was sent to our representatives in congress
- Meeting are ongoing with lobbying groups and members of congress regarding these changes
- Denny Rehberg is the chair of the HHS committee in the house-has met with Thomas Friedman and others in regards to these cuts



# Take aways

- As evidenced by 2011 negotiations, 2012 budget is not a settled issue
- Montana legislators have powerful positions on appropriations committees and care about the impact of these funding cuts in Montana
- Our partners can advocate on behalf of the MACP
- National organizations (AAFA and ALA) are working on behalf of the NACP



# Take aways

- Through September 2012, we are fully funded for both healthy homes and asthma
- We are excited to move forward and partner with you to make these programs a success
- If we have strong, evidenced based programs, we will be very competitive if we have to reapply for funding



# We need your help!

Take the note card in your folder. On the note card write your name and whether you are interested in:

- Being a part of the Healthy Homes Advisory Group
- Big Sky Pulmonary Conference medical planning committee
- Advocacy for Clean Air Act
- Advocacy for National Asthma Control Program

Also indicate other people we might partner with!